

La Mirada - Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (CA-39) today hosted a community event to help bring back jobs and economic growth to working families. The event focused on trends in the current job market, developing skills to prepare for career changes, and hot jobs of the future.

"America's families are facing a stagnant economy, many workers have been laid-off or lost their jobs completely. This means more and more people have no health insurance, that median household incomes are declining, and that many more children are growing up in poverty. Today's event was designed to help Southern California residents learn how to improve their career opportunities both in and outside of the workplace, and to find programs that assist adults who are interested in going back to school," said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez.

Under this Administration we have experienced the worst job loss since the Great Depression. We have lost 1.8 million private sector jobs and 2.7 million manufacturing jobs in the past four years. And, long-term unemployment has risen by 1.1 million, more than doubling. The unemployment rate is now at 5.4 percent — a 30 percent increase in the past 4 years.

"In addition to a high unemployment rate, 14 million jobs are at the risk of being outsourced. Good-paying jobs that are the mainstay of our economy are being outsourced to places like India and China, and that really hurts American workers. For instance, many people don't realize that when they hire an accountant to do their taxes that the work may be sent to India and done by a CPA there. It is absolutely necessary to refine the tax code so we can keep good jobs in America," explained Linda Sánchez.

"We also need to help small businesses, which are the engine of America's economy and represent more than 95 percent of all employers. Small businesses create 3 out of 4 new jobs nationwide. That means giving small businesses access to capital and affordable health care coverage for their employees," Sánchez continued.

During the event, Brad Kemp of the California Employment Development Department, Joyce Williams of the SE Social Services Funding Authority, Nick Kremer of Cerritos College, Joe Martinez of the HUB Cities Consortium and Belen Torres-Gil of Rio Hondo College provided valuable information for attendees on how to get our economy and jobs back on track.

"For the millions of families who work hard, play by the rules - and still barely scrape by - the time has come for them to get all of the opportunities they deserve," concluded Sánchez.

Congresswoman Linda Sánchez co-founded the Congressional "Labor and Working Families Caucus" to help the economy, jobs, and America's working families.